

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 621

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to commend David Smith for his honorable and astute service as Juvenile Court Clerk for Davidson County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, David Smith is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, for the past eight years, Mr. Smith has rendered sterling service as the Juvenile Court Clerk for Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, a native Nashvillian, David Smith was raised in the Madison community, attended Madison High School, and graduated from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith began his career with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville in 1990, when he accepted a position in the office of Mayor Bill Boner; and

WHEREAS, from 1991 to 1995, David Smith worked for the late Judge Jim Everett and then worked for Judge Frank Clement from 1995 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Smith joined the staff of the General Sessions Court, where he remained until leaving to campaign for the office of Juvenile Court Clerk; and

WHEREAS, David Smith was elected to serve as the Juvenile Court Clerk for Davidson County; sworn into office on September 1, 2010, he has served two consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Smith has spearheaded many initiatives that have helped modernize the Juvenile Court Clerk's office, including the scanning of all files dating back fifteen years to the present day, the automation of the booking division, and the development of detailed guidelines for all jobs and responsibilities in the office; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the filing system of the Juvenile Court Clerk's office was updated and consolidated in 2011, and the groundwork was laid for the electronic filing of documents in 2019; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Juvenile Court Clerk, Mr. Smith has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, David Smith's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, David Smith is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, David Smith is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend David Smith for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Davidson County as Juvenile Court Clerk and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.